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NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

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Keep Them Rolling

Reports are that Canada is to "corner" its nickels; that is, make them dozen-sided instead of round. They must have a good and sufficient reason for so doing, but coin collectors will look upon the 12-sided coins as a novelty rather than a necessity, a diversion rather than an improvement. Coins by any other contour may be as spendable, but to coin students they are not as regular. With but very few exceptions coins have been round since their inception many centuries ago, and their roundness is as fixed in our conceptions as is the silvery dawn and the golden sunset.

Round coins are certainly easier to stack, snigger in the purse, handier for coin-boards, and more accustomed to our eyes. How can one "roll" in wealth with many-sided money? It would be bumpy riding with 12-sided "cart-wheels." It is to be hoped Uncle Sam doesn't break the centuries-old precedent, but that he keeps his money round with enough around to go around. Let's keep our money "rolling," not lop-siding.

Wampumpeag

In the days before the handy bill-fold (is this one of the "whys" of folding money?) paper money, if in considerable amounts, was carried in rolls, held intact by a rubber-band or tied with a string. Thus a wealthy man is one with a big roll (is this one of the "whys" of rolling in wealth?). Amounts too small to roll were wadded. A well-to-do man is one who had quite a wad.

Indians used wampum, beads made from certain shells, for currency. As their minting required expert workmanship and as the demand was most always greater than the supply, wampum proved a very acceptable currency. The beads, being small, were inconvenient to handle and easily lost, so for convenience and safe keeping they were strung on thongs! The strings of beads were

called wampumpeags, peags meaning strung beads. Today's man of means was colonial day's man of peags, today's Big Shot a Long Peag. When wampum is mentioned, one is wont to say, "how odd," and worse, "how funny," whereas he should say, "how fine," and better still "how fortunate," for, short of regular currency, wampum enabled early colonists to carry on business as usual. Wampum was not a freakish oddity but a bona-fide stable currency, and it was no play on words when one was wished "health, peags and happiness."

Champion of the Commemorative

Interest in our commemorative coins has languished. The principal excuse is they depict mostly events of local interest. Oddly this complaint was answered over a hundred years ago by an article written in Vienna, April 7, 1829; it must have been in answer to the same complaints in foreign lands of their commemorative coins. It said:

"It cannot be denied that the commemorative coins of cities have not the same charm as others. They usually have stiff outlines, faulty designs, repetitions of well-known sayings, doubtful chronography and unimportant words occupying much space. They relate to persons and events of little importance, and these unmistakable faults are the cause of this branch of modern numismatics being so little esteemed by lovers of coins. However, a very different view is afforded if they are regarded, not for their artistic merit, but for their historical value, as independent towns have their annals as well as great kingdoms. The causes of their origin, their commerce, their prosperity, and finally of their impoverishment, are all corroborated on such coins.

"When coins, hidden in the dust of cities which have passed away many years ago, as those of Sybaris, Thur-

ium, Terina, and others, are highly prized, why should those of cities whose glory we have seen depart almost under our own eyes be less worthy of notice? Not less interesting are the coins of those cities where a discovery has been made which has a direct influence in enlarging our knowledge and occasioned changes of which no trace was found in ancient times, or of those which were the birthplace of celebrated men. Who sees a coin of old and once justly proud Genoa without thinking of Columbus? So also with the periods which make a city especially remarkable. Those medals and coins of our day, issued at or having a reference to Frejus or Pionitz, are connected with a course of thought which must interest every one to whom the fate of mankind is no empty speculation."

Bring Home the Money

This war may be lessening the attendance at coin conventions and meetings, as these gatherings are attended to a great extent by the more active younger folks, but it is increasing the general interest in numismatics, especially from a world-wide standpoint. Our boys, both soldiers and marines, who touch the "other points," will daily come into contact and actual acquaintance with foreign monies, regular and emergency, and due to their numismatic slant will bring back with them, for themselves and friends, foreign coins aplenty. With the depreciated foreign currencies a good American \$5 bill will buy a fairly representative set in each country visited.

Precedented by the musket and saber heirlooms of the Civil and Spanish Wars, our boys in the first World War specialized mostly on bringing home like heavy stuff, such as helmets, guns, bayonets, etc. These took up a lot of room and were heavy to carry around, so the number brought back by each boy was limited. Thanks to the past 20 years' publicity, most of our soldiers are coin-minded, and the present "war-tourists" will play their hobby and return with "oodles of money" for their and their friends' collections. They will go in for money instead of the heavy-ware.

Very little of the emergency money

will get out of the countries through usual trade channels. After the war, emergency money being so plentiful, and worthless, children will use it to "play store" and grown-ups to "light their cigars," and even that which survives will be creased and wrinkled. It is to be hoped our boys will buy it in heaps direct from the printing press and bring it home in the same fine condition that we hope they themselves will be.

War Items

The Midas touch. When the Japanese organize a puppet state in newly captured territory, "they declare existing currency illegal and issue new military currency which is used to buy up goods and establish a rate of exchange that gives Tokyo an additional profit."

Lieut. Col. Warren J. Clear in the *Reader's Digest* says: "There was money to burn on Corregidor. I mean that literally. Millions of dollars had been brought from Manila and, to save it from the enemy, it had to be destroyed. Great stacks and armfuls of \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills were burned in bonfires to the intense interest and wonderment of the soldiers standing by."

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Miscellaneous

As so many buried coins are dug up, items along that line are interesting to coin collectors, and the points of law as to "finders-keepers" are useful. If this lawyer's construing of the law is correct and holds up in court, then it behooves the timid souls who bank their money under-earth to do it shallow. In Kansas City two men, while grading a lot, dug up a glass jar containing about \$1250. The owner of the ground claims the money, saying he had buried it for safe-keeping. The two men who found the money claim it as a treasure trove. Their lawyer maintains, "Anything buried five inches underground belongs to the finder, under court decisions." The matter is now in the courts and we will soon find out whether to bury our money deep or shallow.

Take any current coin, the nickel, for instance. Look at the head of Jefferson right side up; now look at the other side, turning the coin side-wise, and Monticello will be upside down; but turning it topsy-turvy

fashion Monticello will be right side up. However, with our paper money it is just the reverse. The obverse and reverse of a bill are both right side up, while with coins one side is always upside down.

The Law of Gresham

When they realized that the Germans in Belgium were going to confiscate the country's nickel currency, the Belgians began hoarding it, according to a news item from Belgium. Some persons had coins of various denominations from five centimes to

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The *SS Man*, organ of the German Black Brigade, accuses the Belgian street-car conductors in the following terms: "Eighty per cent of the tram conductors are pro-British. Perhaps they have become pro-British because of what they hear on the trams, because they have not enough coins to give change, or for other reasons."

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1776 Conn. Six Pence, large note, V.G., rare	1.25
1772 John Morton, signer, note, Pa., rare	1.50
1840-2 N.J. Bk. of Monmouth \$1, \$2, \$3, each	.40
1850 Maryland \$5, Valley Bank, new, signed	.35
1862 Georgia \$10 Arms, crisp, new, ea.	.25
C.S.A. Sept-61 \$20, female & 20 V.F.	.25
1861 \$50 Moneta, crisp	.40
July 25-61 \$20, ship, crisp	.40
Sept. 2-61 \$5 Memminger, Bkac, fine	.40
Same \$10 Hunter, Memminger, Bkac, fine	.40
Same \$20 Stephens, green, neatly cancelled, ea.	.50
Same \$50 Machinist, good, rare	1.00
Same \$5, five females, S. Bk. N. Co., rare	1.00
Same \$10, 3 Indians, red, SBNCo., rare	1.25
Same \$20, red, female, globe, V.R.	1.50
Same \$20, green, 3 females, rare	1.40
Same \$10, July, \$10, female, shield, fine	.50
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I believe. The last to go of those I met personally (and some I knew well) were: Benjamin Betts, Brooklyn; H. C. Ezekiel, Cincinnati, Ohio; Captain Jno. W. Hazeltine, Philadelphia; Wm. Poillon, New York, formerly curator of the American Numismatic Society; Daniel Parish, Jr., once president of the American Numismatic Society; John Robinson of Salem, Mass.; and finally Andrew C. Zabriskie of New York, also formerly president of the American Numismatic Society.

I knew other contemporaries like Hewitt and Levick, whose names do not appear. Of the above, H. C. Ezekiel was the last to pass on. He had been a member of the Numismatic Society since around 1866. That was indeed an early day in coin collecting. Mr. Ezekiel was greatly interested in the Civil War tokens of Cincinnati, which presented quite a field for him to work on.

There is a sad note when one thinks of that long roster of the collectors of 1875, of whom most likely all are gone. Some of these men lived in small places like Alfred, N. Y., Hoo-sick Falls, N. Y., and Wabashaw, Minn. Same thing, I suppose, would apply to stamp collectors. Who would remember Frank P. Vincent of Chatham, N. Y., who flourished from 1875 to 1885? He advertised stamps in those years.

French and Indian War Medals, 1758-1759

Several rather distinguished medals commemorating the British victories over the French were struck off in the years 1758 and 1759. I shall describe one of 1758. It bears a very good likeness, an aged bust of King George II, to the left, with name and title. The reverse has an allegory, a lion drawing Britannia forward, supported by Justice and Liberty.

The reverse takes interest because the names of certain victorious commanders and each battle is named. They include "Senegal, May 2, Marsh (name of commander); S. Malop, June 16, Marlboro; Louisburg (in America), July 27, Boscawen-Amherst; Frontenac, August 27, Bradstreet; Cherbourg, August 16, Howe; Goree, December 29, Keppel; and Duquesne, November 24, Forbes."

Admiral Keppel was, during the Revolution, tried for misconduct in a battle against the French. Forbes' campaign against Fort Duquesne (now Pittsburgh, Pa.) was one of great interest to the writer, and he is quite familiar with many of its details. George Washington was Forbes' chief aide, and as Forbes lay

on a stretcher or litter sorely ill during most of the arduous march over the mountains toward Duquesne, Washington assumed a leading command. At Fort Ligonier, some 70 miles east of Duquesne, Washington and his men were attacked in error by his own men who mistook him for French, and almost murdered him—an incident which if it had not ended well would have robbed us of our commander-in-chief of the Revolution and our first president.

There was a fierce battle near Ligonier, but the French were repulsed. So methodical was the slow march of Forbes, erecting forts and blockhouses as they progressed, that the French burned the fort at their approach and fled up and down the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers; those going northward went to Fort Le-Boeuf, near Lake Erie; others went further to Montreal. Those going down the Ohio River fled to New Orleans or southern French posts. Never again did the flag of France fly over that region.

Betts illustrates this interesting medal on page 185, his number 416. It comes in silver, copper and brass. It would be better if a little more

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Ecuador, 1889, sucre, very good specimen	.95
France, 5 Francs, 1824, Louis XVIII, fine	1.10
France, 5 F., 1850, head of Liberty, fine	.95
France, 5 F., 1868, Napoleon III, fine, \$1; V.F.	1.10
France, 5 F., 1873, Hercules, etc., fine	.95
Guatemala, peso, 1865, Head Carrera, fine	1.20
Guatemala, peso, 1872, Liberty seated, fine	1.20
Hungary, crown, 1785, Francis II, V.G.	1.15
Hungary, 5 Krone, 1907, Francis Joseph, V.F.	1.10
Haiti, 1 Gourde, 1881, nice coin, fine	1.00
Mexico (Under Spain) SR. 1806, Chas. III, V.G.	.85
Mexico (Under Spain) SR. 1821, Perd VII, V.G.	.85
Mexico, SR. 1885, Eagle on Cactus, fine	.90
Mexico, peso, 1866, Emp. Maximilian, fine	.90
Mexico, peso, 1903, semi-proof, a beauty	1.05
Peru, SR. 1854, Liberty standing, V.G., 55c; F.	1.00
Peru, Sol. 1865, Lima mint, very fine	1.00
Peru, Sol. 1914, Liberty seated, uncl.	1.15
Panama, dollar, head Balboa, 1904, V. fine	.95
Prussia, Victory Thaler, 1871, very fine	.95
Spain, 5 pesetas, 1871, Amadeo I, V.G.	.85
Spain, 5 pes., 1889, Alfonso XIII, Baby head, F.	1.00
Salvador, peso, 1894, Columbus, fine	1.10
France, 5 F., 1845, head Louis Philippe, fine	1.00
U.S. Bust dollar, 1799, type of 1804, fine	4.95

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space were devoted in modern coin sales catalogs to such medals, and collectors would be better posted as to their own history. Mere date collecting tells us nothing about such events which lead to the issuance of this and the 1759 medals for Quebec, Niagara, Crown Point, and other events of great moment in our history, which determined whether the country would be French or English.

U. S. Three-Cent Silver Coins

The old habit of calling a three-cent silver coin a "trime," a habit which has persisted for years, seems without good reason. Low frequently used this word in his description. If ten cents is a dime, why it seems trime should be 30 cents!

This, our smallest of all United States silver coins, was first heard of in 1850, when a pattern was issued bearing a Liberty Cap and the value. At the time this must have seemed like copying the Mexican and South American coins, and the idea was abandoned.

The total coinage of the regular issue was something like 38 million pieces, and while, due to the coin's smallness, it could hardly have been very popular, it was, of course, useful for small change, so that we have

come across many pieces which are badly worn. The year 1852 saw the largest issue of the then current type, 18,663,500 pieces. Next came 1853 with 11,400,000; 1851 had 5,447,400. In all other years the coinage never reached a million per year, never anything approaching the banner years of 1852 and 1863. New Orleans had this coin in only one year, viz., in 1851, and then only 7,200 were minted. Many of this issue got into collections, but the coin is rare today.

There were two notable years of very small coinage, viz., 1864, with 470 pieces, and 1873 with 600. Such a meagre coinage should merit high-

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LINCOLN CENTS—CIRCULATED

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1909-S VDB good to v.g. \$1.79, fine \$1.89.	
1914-D good 69c, v.g. 89c, and fine \$1.24.	
1922 No D \$1.24, traces of mint mark 65c.	
1924-D good 10c, very good 14c, fine 24c.	
1931-D good 5c, v.g. 6c, fine to v. fine 9c.	
1931-S v. good 15c, fine to very fine 19c.	
Any other date or mint mark 1909 thru 1920 good 4c, v.g. 5c, fine 10c.	
Any other date or mint mark 1921 thru 1941 very good 3c, fine to very fine 8c.	

LINCOLN CENTS—BRIGHT UNC.

1909 VDB 14c, 1917-P 33c, 1919-P 29c.	
1920-P 24c, 1925-P 29c, 1927-D \$1.69.	
1928-P 30c, 1926-D 85c, 1929-S 24c.	
1930-P or S ea. 6c, 1931-S 44c, 1932-P or D ea. 34c.	
1933-P 34c, 1933-D 14c, 1934-P or D ea. 7c.	
1935-P D or S ea. 6c, 1936-P D or S ea. 5c.	
1937-P D or S ea. 44c, 1938-P D or S ea. 4c.	
1939-P D or S ea. 34c, 1940-P D or S ea. 3c.	
1941-P D or S ea. 24c, 1942-P D or S ea. 2c.	

NICKELS—GOOD TO VERY FINE

1913 Type I P D or S good to fine ea. 34c.	
1913 Type II P D or S good to fine ea. 65c.	
1914 P or S 39c, 1914 D g. to v.g. 54c.	
1915 thru 1919 any date or mint mark good to very good 16c, fine to very fine 20c.	
1920 thru 1927 any date or mint mark good to v.g. 14c, fine to very fine 24c.	
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1936-P D or S 24c, 1937-P D or S 22c.	
1938-P D or S 24c, 1939-P D or S 20c.	
1940-P D or S 19c, 1941-P D or S 18c.	
1942-P D or S 17c.	

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CORRECTION

In the October issue, there was a typographical error in the listing of 1858 Small Cents. The ad should have read:

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1942 proof set	1.75	2.50 early one

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This display of rare coins was made at the H. P. Wasson & Company department store, Indianapolis, by the Indianapolis Coin Club, to assist in the sale of war stamps and bonds in conjunction with the showing of the moving picture, "Eagle Squadron," at one of the local theatres.

er prices than the coin brought for 70 years among collectors. Until recent years, the 1873, usually proof, sold for only about \$3—entirely too little in view of its rarity, certainly much more rare than an 1856 eagle cent. It speaks of the past unpopularity of such a tiny coin among collectors, although the day of small coins is already here. The next rarest years were 1865 to 1872 inclusive, with from 470 to 22,725 per year. Omitting three years men-

tioned here, the three-cent silver coin should be considered among the rarest in our entire series, for in all those other years only about four million were issued.

"Time Brings Many Changes"

According to the International News Service, the war is causing the West Coast's popular silver dollar to lose its place. Slowly, it is pointed

out, the paper dollar bill is forcing the heavy "cartwheels" from circulation. Two causes are set forth.

The heavy influx of East Coast residents to Pacific Coast war industries has brought a group that seems to have an aversion to the weighty silver dollar. When they get change they demand paper money. The other reason seems to be the soldier and sailor; the sailor in particular, with small pockets finds that paper money is easier to stow away.

Money Talks

HOKUM: "Why is it that the eagle, the bison and the Indian are shown on our coins, although they are all practically extinct?" **Jokum:** "I suppose it is to carry out the idea of scarcity." — *Ballinger (Times) Ledger.*

A most interesting religious coin is the Cologne Taler, 1761, with portraits of the Three Wise Men kneeling around the Christ child on one side of coin and St. Peter holding keys of City on the other side.

Gleaned from *Newsweek*: "As a practical joke, Richard Crockett of Dublin, Va., recently handed a tourist camp proprietor a \$50 Confederate bill and asked him to change it. The prospective victim reached for a roll of bills, peeled off three, and handed Crockett two twenties and a ten in Confederate money."



Indianapolis Coin Club with the Central States Numismatic Award plaque which was presented to the club for outstanding numismatic activities. Officers of the club are: S. G. Kasberg, treasurer; W. E. Pollard, vice president; Lu Riggs, president; R. B. Whitney, secretary; Wilkes T. Leland, assistant secretary; Ray Fiscus, curator and Librarian; and Ray Gish, sergeant-at-arms.

Training in childhood usually lasts through life. Many persons taught as children to drop a penny in the Sunday school collection, continue dropping only pennies when they become adults and go to church. — *Kansas City, Mo., Star.*

Mississippi, in order to conserve aluminum and brass for war purposes, is now making its tax tokens of wood fiber. It is very probable that other states will do likewise.

The figure seven (7) is and has always been the world's most famous numeral. It took seven days to create the world; it takes seven days to make a week; and our life is divided, according to Shakespeare, into seven ages. If seven is your lucky omen, try it out on your 1942 luck propheting. Place your 1942 proof set, or your 1942 uncirculated coins, before you on the table. If you are to have a lucky numismatic year, the date 1942 can be seven-ed. If it can't be seven-ed, then watch your step. Write down the year, 1942; underneath write it in reverse, 2491; add them and you have 4433. Under 4433 write its reverse, 3344; add them and you will have your good-luck sevens, four of them.

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WANTED FOR CASH: Michigan obsolete bank notes and scrip. — Harold L. Bowen, 818 Lawrence Ave., Detroit, Mich. o12753

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